

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - T.S. Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of **0.3477 Ha** of forest land in Kothaguda RF of Shamshabad division for laying of 132 kv line by erecting 2 nos of towers under existing line for shifting of line falling in the alignment of proposed Multilevel Flyover crossing Botanical Garden, Kothaguda and Kondapur junctions in favour of GHMC, Hyderabad. – **In-principle (Stage.I) approval** - Accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 89

Dated: 01-09-2021

Read the following:-

1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change(FC Division), New Delhi, Lr.F.No.5-2/2017-FC, dt.28-03-2019.
2. From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyderabad, Rc.No.21242/2019/FCA-4, Dated:29.06.2021.

O R D E R:

In the letter 2nd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has submitted a proposal under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of **0.3477 Ha** of forest land in Kothaguda RF of Shamshabad division for laying of 132 kv line by erecting 2 nos of towers under existing line for shifting of line falling in the alignment of proposed Multilevel Flyover crossing Botanical Garden, Kothaguda and Kondapur junctions in favour of GHMC, Hyderabad.

2. The proposal has been examined with reference to the guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi in the letter 1st read above.

3. Government after careful examination of the proposal and in exercise of the powers delegated to State Government in the guidelines issued by Government of India in the letter 1st read above, hereby accord **in-principle (Stage.I) approval** for diversion of **0.3477 Ha** of forest land in Kothaguda RF of Shamshabad division for laying of 132 kv line by erecting 2 nos of towers under existing line for shifting of line falling in the alignment of proposed Multilevel Flyover crossing Botanical Garden, Kothaguda and Kondapur junctions in favour of GHMC, Hyderabad, subject to compliance of the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the User Agency in consultation with the DFO concerned at the Project cost;
- iii. The State Forest Department shall carryout Compensatory Afforestation (CA) and its maintenance over 0.6944 ha of degraded forest area in Compt No.196, Medipally RF of Mudimiyal Beat & Section of Chilkur Range at the cost of the User Agency;
- iv. The degraded forest land identified for CA shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- v. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 0.3477 ha from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995;

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- vi. Additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- vii. The User Agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall prepare and execute a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in the right of way under the transmission line in consultation with the State Forest Department;
- viii. The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to the minimum in the diverted width of 24 meters the forest land and the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of the trees wherever feasible at the cost of the User Agency; In case of felling, the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department at the project cost.
- ix. The User Agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on the upper conductor of the transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits;
- x. The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines issued by the Ministry for laying transmission lines through forest areas;
- xi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
- xii. The user agency shall construct the FOB instead of underpass (compliance related to "Re-diversion of 3.678 Ha of forest land for widening of road in kothaguda RF in favour of GHMC, Hyderabad") within three months.
- xiii. The user agency shall construct Boundary wall in singidi smart park area and behind the proposed bus bay area with in 3 months and to install the cameras along the RTL road at degraded places.
- xiv. The bus bay to be constructed immediately with a elevated platform and in closed chamber. No trespassing of the vehicles shall be allowed.
- xv. The user agency shall construct the wall on outer edge of RF encompassing the forest land diverted with in 3 months.
- xvi. The user agency shall construct a new septic tank in advance and connect to the toilets before taking up the works so as not to cause inconvenience to public visiting Botanical Garden in three months.
- xvii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land; Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
- xviii. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
- xix. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xx. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;

- xxi. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred/sublet to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- xxii. The trees on strips would have to be felled but after stringing work is completed, natural regeneration will be allowed to come up. Future pollarding/pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the local forest officer wherever necessary for the maintenance of the transmission lines;
- xxiii. During construction of transmission line, pollarding/pruning of trees located outside the 24 meters width of the strips whose branches/parts infringe with conductor stringing, shall be permitted to the extent necessary, as may be decided by the local forest officer;
- xxiv. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.3477 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- xxv. Any other condition that the Central Government or Regional Officer(Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;
- xxvi. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for Penal action as per the provisions made under rules/ guidelines issued under FCA, 1980.
- xxvii. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of issue of this G.O. in the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, the in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after five years.

After receipt of the compliance report of the above conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad, is therefore directed to take further necessary action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

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SECTION OFFICER